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Docket No. 4167-4000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : BRADSHAW, S. et al.

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Examiner: QIAN, C.

For : A NEW YEAST-BACTERIA SHUTTLE VECTOR

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on December 17, 2002. Applicants have petitioned herewith, and paid the appropriate fee, for a two month extension of time, extending the time to respond to the Office Action up to, and including, May 19, 2003. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/ Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.